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SIGNALS OF A PROGRAM

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 7-336253, published December 22, 1995 with English Abstract.
2. News Trend from USA, "NIKKEI Pasokon", (DVR-Japanese Magazine), published January 24, 2000, pp. 28.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date for an application other than a continued prosecution



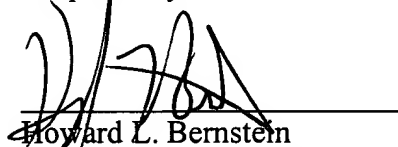
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant rely on the English Abstract as the brief statement of relevance for reference 1 and also the Applicant states that reference 2 is discussed within the specification beginning at page 3, line 1.

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